(b) if so, the prices fixed by the Central Government and the sugarcane growing States at present; and

(c) the reasons for the variations in the said prices?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (c) Under the provisions of the Sugarcane (Control) Order, 1966, the power to fix the sugarcane prices vests with the Central Government. The Central Government, in terms of clause 3 of the said Order, fixes the Statutory Minimum Price (SMP) of sugarcane payable by sugar factories for each sugar season (October—September). The Central Government has fixed the SMP for 2002-03 sugar season at Rs. 64.50 per quintal linked to a basic recovery level of 8.5, percent subject to premium of 76 paise for every 0.1 percent point increase in recovery above that level.

State Governments have no power to fix prices of sugarcane.

Establishment of ITIs in HP

*259. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to establish Industrial Training Institutes in each district of Himachal Pradesh under the Training for Rural Youths for self employment with financial and other assistance from Central Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise; and

(c) by when, the above proposals would materialise?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SAHIB SINGH VERMA): (a) to (c) Industrial Training Institutes are set up and run by States/UT Governments or private institutions. As per information received from the State Government of Himachal Pradesh, there are already ITIs in each district of the State and at present there is no proposal under consideration to establish more ITIs with central assistance.

Number of BPL people

†*260. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Planning Commission has taken a decision to ascertain the number of people living Below Poverty Line in each State;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.